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DIANNE DAVIDSON and her Hot Rock and Roll Band

Cabaret Show and Performance

Saturday, November 18, 1989

Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex

(From Hwy. 50 take Bradshaw south; continue on Bradshaw 2 to 3 miles to Jackson Road; left on Jackson Road toward east; continue east about ¼ mile to Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex.)

Social Hour **7:00 - 8:00**

Performance and Cabaret **8:00 - 11:00**

(small dance floor)

Hors d'ouevres will be served — No host bar

There are very few artists who leave a lasting impression on an audience because what they offer comes from within. Dianne Davidson is such an artist.

She is a singer, songwriter, musician, producer-performer whose style and range escape categorization. And she doesn't care if it's called blues, rock, country, folk or "field and stream." She performs a wide variety of musical styles with the same passion and brilliance.

Born in Tennessee, Davidson played in her first band at age 11 and at age 18 "had an album instead of a diploma." She matured and developed through playing in rowdy Tennessee "River-Rat" nightspots, West Coast and Greenwich Village folk and listening rooms and as an opening act in major concert halls. She has to her credit four albums, three singles and a list of recording and performing credits that vary from Linda Ronstadt to B.B. King, Jimmy Buffet to Dan Fogelberg, Barry Manilow to Leon Russell.

"When it all started happening, I was 19 and really not quite prepared for the success I was experiencing," Davidson reflected. "But as I matured, as a performer and musician, I grew to understand the power within my music and I love sharing that with people. Singing for people is my greatest passion."

SACWN's Cabaret party is part of Davidson's nationwide tour celebrating the release of her new album, *Breaking All the Rules.*

"That's What Friends Are For"

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY!

Keeping within the tradition of the Holiday Spirit, SACWN will hold her 3rd Annual Holiday Party on December 10, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex.

The festivities will include the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, The Sacramento Gay Women's Chorus and D.J. Jo Tierney and an opportunity to donate to Hope House.

This year the SACWN Steering Committee will extend an invitation to our gay male friends in the community. December holds memories and emotions for many of us and what better time is there than now to share.

Our event will begin at 2 p.m. with easy listening music and champagne for 75¢ a glass for members and $1.25 for non-members. The Women's Chorus will fill the room with the sounds of the season beginning at 3 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and dance music will abound until 4:30. The eclectic sounds of the Men's Chorus will entertain us and the party will come to a close with more of Jo Tierney.

Please invite your gay and lesbian friends to join us on December 10.

We encourage you to pre-register as early as possible. A limited number of tickets, if any, will be available at the door. Please call 486-8985 for ticket information.

Joanna Cassese

Letter

Recently, the gay press has reported anti-gay and anti-lesbian public sentiment which is coming closer to affecting every one of us. Included in the coverage has been reaction to the domestic partners bill in San Francisco, the election of Robert Stipicevich to the Fremont school board, the harassment of Los Angeles Educator Virginia Urribe who started Project 10, and the gay bashing which is occurring in the Sacramento area. Also affecting public sentiment is the local straight press which has contributed its fair share of anti-gay and anti-lesbian stories and editorials, particularly one right-oriented newspaper.

Alarmingly, several right wing groups have also surfaced on the national level. What used to be talked about on an individual basis has now become an organized effort, known as reparative therapy, to "cure us" or to make us "normal," according to heterosexual standards.

This sentiment, coupled with the last eight years of Reaganomics, has caused the pendulum to swing to the RIGHT. This can be seen in recent Supreme Court appointees as well as governmental policies regarding women's issues, AIDS, and the abortion issue itself. As more Court decisions are rendered, and as more governmental policies are implemented, more of our rights will be affected. More importantly, these decisions affect both men and women, not just one segment of our community. Remember, united we stand, divided we fall if we continue to think we are not both affected.

For these reasons, the SACWN Holiday Party is more important to me as a Lesbian woman than any other event held in the last three years. Reaching out to our brothers to celebrate the vitality and joy of being gay and lesbian in our community is more important at this time than in any other time in our past history. I invite each of you to ask your gay male friends to our holiday party, to help us celebrate the joys of the season . . . and to remember, "THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR."

Linda S. Ragnetti
Marketing/Advertising Coordinator
(Acting) Newsletter Coordinator

— Perspective —

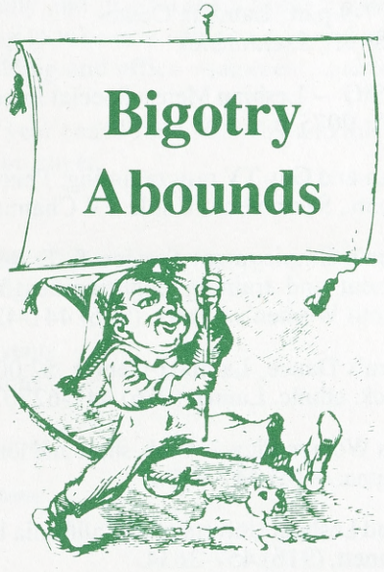
TVC DECLARES WAR ON HOMOSEXUALS

by Marghe Richards

The Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) is an Anaheim-based organization which recently "declared war on homosexuality." In truth, the organization headed by Rev. Lou Sheldon and supported by 6,500 fundamentalist Christian churches has been waging that war for quite some time and on many fronts.

San Francisco-based journalist Keith Clark has been documenting the group's activities for months but credits women attending the West Coast Women's Music Festival for getting the word out about TVC's planned symposium on Homosexuality and Public Policy on October 6 and 7.

TVC touted its list of topics which ranged from "Reparative Therapy for the Homosexual," to "Public Policy Implications: Social Services, Courts, Juvenile Workers, Legislation,



Education, Child Care, Foster Parenting, Adoption, School Counseling, Libraries, Health Care Education." Congressmen William Dannemeyer and Bob Dornan and Assemblyman Gil Ferguson were listed as plenary speakers. The Chairman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, Dr. William Allen, was also scheduled to make an appearance. Keynote speaker was attorney Roger Magnuson, author of "Are Gay Rights Right?"

Local realtor and long-time SACWN member Jayne Rountree came back to Sacramento from the Music Festival as Opposition Coordinator for Northern California and immediately began to organize members of the community to protest the symposium. She was also in touch with women who would attend the symposium and report on it. A protest campaign forced TVC to change locations twice as first the Raddison Hotel and then the Doubletree cancelled in response to overwhelming telephone and postcard campaigns protesting the two-day meeting.

Throughout the state, outrage was mounting at the reported presence of Allen at the symposium. Rountree also learned that Sheldon planned a press conference at the Capitol on the afternoon of October 5.

Members of the gay and lesbian community, the press and TVC supporters, about 40 people in all, attended the press conference. Sheldon introduced Magnuson, who, in the most

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LOOKING AHEAD

In January 1990 watch for an improvisational group known as "Over Our Heads" from the Bay Area. They have entertained in Davis, Sacramento, the Bay Area and at the Women's Festival.

ELECTION RESULTS

We mailed 487 ballots, of which 84 were received. Congratulations to the winners of this election. The following people will serve on the Steering Committee for the 1990-1992 term:

Rosanna Herber	Program Coordinator
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The Santa Cruz lesbian-gay community was hard hit by the Oct. 17 earthquake, with many of them counted among the estimated 750-1000 people who are homeless and out on the streets.

Particularly needed are non-perishable foods, plastic containers, flashlights and batteries, transister radios, sleeping bags, warm clothes, paper plates and other supplies, aspirin and Tampax.

Contributions may be made by contacting Robin Hamilton, at the Sacramento Metropolitan Community Church at 422-8180.

Persons wishing to make a financial contribution for Bay Area relief may send donations clearly marked for Bay Area Relief in c/o the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 160167, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Why Should I Be Tested For AIDS!

by Joanna Cassese

I would like to share with you a recent experience I had that left me with some very strong feelings about AIDS testing.

A friend of mine asked if I had ever been tested and when I answered "no" I began to ask myself a few questions. I wondered if I might be afraid of the results, but that was silly. After all I'm a lesbian, we're not at risk! Or are we?

My next thought focused on the programs I had planned for SACWN. The message was clear that lesbians are not out of danger and should be aware of the risks of AIDS. Why don't you practice what you preach, Cassese?

My third thought was "What a loving gesture to do for someone who I care about and for myself."

I have to admit that initially the experience was somewhat frightening, but I kept my purpose in mind.

I went to a same-day clinic in San Francisco, but even eight hours was an eternity.

Although deep down I "knew" the results would be negative I was a "basket case" all day. When I heard the lab say, "Congratulations, your test is negative," it was one of the most ecstatic feelings I have ever had. Needless to say, it also made my friend a little pleased.

I have chosen to carry a card with my picture on it that declares me safe from the HIV virus. I am very proud to show it to anyone. I would like to suggest that all of our members be tested and feel free to invite your partner to do the same. It truly is a matter of life and love.

If you would like further information on AIDS testing, feel free to call me at 415/787-1623 or the SACWN, Inc. office at 916/486-8985.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Women's Rap Group and Social, every Monday evening, 7-9 p.m., Lambda Center, 1931 L Street, Sacramento.

Sapp-SIG — Lesbian Mensa Special Interest Group. (415) 256-9075.

Lesbian and Gay TV programming, Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Sacramento Cable TV Channel 63.

Women's Employment Service & Training (EST); employment and training opportunities for women. Sacramento Women's Center, (916) 441-4207.

Women's Dance, Lambda Center, $2.00 donation. Salsa, rock, ethnic. Launa, (916) 447-6270.

Spokes Womyn Bicycle Club, short and long-distance rides. Launa, (916) 447-6270.

Gay and Lesbian University of California Employees. John Bennett, (916) 457-3634.

Lesbian Rights Task Force; Kay, Lorraine, (916) 331-5036.

"Outlook" monthly Lesbian and Gay video magazine; Mondays 10 p.m. on Cable Channel 47.

Lesbian and Gay Friends of Animal Rights. Info., (916) 921-1391 or 372-1431.

Lesbian Crisis Line: Monday-Friday, 3-9 EST, 1-800-221-7044.

"Being Gay Today" video program on Cable Channel 47, 10:00.

If you have any "In The Community" news, groups, events or ideas, please call Theresa at (916) 452-8372.

FINANCE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

One of the first goals I set for myself when joining the Steering Committee last October was to find out what SACWN does with the money it takes in. I spent the next 10 months putting together a spreadsheet to track all of our income and expenses. That will probably be the last time I ask such a ridiculous question!

I have to admit the process was a tremendous education, both personally and in a business sense. I now understand why it's going to take us a while to rent and eventually buy our own building and office equipment, and to hire a full-time staff.

Our fiscal year ended June 30, 1989 and this was how the year looked on paper:

Income

Advertising	$ 2,069
Networking	1,678
Programs	12,328
Special Events	12,394
Subscriptions	11,963
Interest	420
Miscellaneous	1,065
Total Income	**$41,917**

Expenses

Advertising	$ 1,898
Administrative Assistant, Outside Services	7,187
Event Speakers & Performers	4,770
Facility Rental Expenses	10,798
Newsletter Typesetting & Printing	4,066
Operational Supplies	2,038
Postage	1,914
Taxes	1,148
Miscellaneous	1,624
Total Expenses	**$35,443**
NET INCOME	**$ 6,474**

For the record, at our last Steering Committee meeting we formally finished our trial period for Sliding Fees and decided we would formally adopt Sliding Fees for all future SACWN functions.

Lill Ordaz
Finance Coordinator

CORPORATE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

As many of you noticed and called in to report, last month's ballots were not numbered as the directions stated they were. This called into question the validity of the votes.

After two days of phone calls and discussions, it was determined that it would be too expensive in terms of time, money, and woman-energy to re-do the whole process, and that the integrity of the voting process could be preserved given the manner in which the ballots had been printed. Importantly, both candidates in the one contested race supported this conclusion.

We apologize for the concern and confusion caused by this error, and again thank those of you who called to help set things right.

Your newly-elected Steering Committee will have an organizational retreat November 3-5 in Mendocino, assisted by consultant Anita Gerardi. As of this writing, openings still exist for the positions of Newsletter and Special Projects Coordinators, and the Steering Committee Coordinator is yet to be selected. Anyone interested should contact Rosy Metrailer. The Steering Committee will fill these slots as soon as possible.

Due to an apparent electrical surge during the recent thunderstorms, Special Projects Coordinator Yolanda Ortiz's computer was knocked out of commission for two weeks and she was unable to complete data entry and compilation of the results of the recent membership survey. She is hopeful that her program is still intact, however, and now projects that her report will be ready for the new Steering Committee by the retreat. Watch for further details in future issues.

Hope you're enjoying this beautiful autumn weather!

Rosy Metrailer

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SEGMENTS

Segments is a new feature in the SACWN newsletter. We will attempt to keep you informed about issues and forums within the local and world communities. We welcome your comments and suggestions. If you have information you would like to share with us, please send it to: Editor, SACWN, Inc., P.O. Box 221354, Sacramento, CA 95822.

An old pop standard called "Our Day Will Come" could have been the theme song for 11 male couples in Copenhagen, Denmark, who exchanged vows recently as Denmark became the first country to give homosexual couples legal status and the right to join in a "registered partnership." The parliament in May approved a gay rights bill which gives homosexual couples nearly equal rights as heterosexual couples, but bars them from adopting children. They have the same inheritance rights, tax advantages, and other rights as heterosexual couples.

The Women Legislators Caucus recently released a study funded by the Senate Rules Committee called "California Women Get On Board!" The study looked at 3,000 appointments to State Boards and Commissions made by the Governor, the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly Speaker. It also considered appointments made by a sample of 18 counties and 24 cities.

At the state level, women held 27.6% of appointments. They held 34.3% of county board seats and 35.5% city advisory positions examined. However, women did not reach parity of 51% on any type of board studied at the state level. The highest was health and social service boards, which were 41% women. The lowest were public safety boards at 10%.

In the counties, women reached parity only on health and social services boards. In cities, they reached parity on health and social services and on library boards.

Women were:

- 26% city planning commissions;
- 17% county transportation and public works boards where "big dollar decisions" are made;
- 21% on county finance and economic development boards;
- 12% of city construction boards;
- 5% of county construction boards;
- 9% of county agricultural positions.

Rarely are women appointed to those boards and commissions with a salary, per diem or expenses.

The legislators said boards and commissions are important training grounds and ladders for people interested in government to get experience for future political office. The next step for the caucus is to seek ways to notify more women of openings and to train and serve as mentors for potential women appointees.

Recently, the California Commission on the Status of Women, a state agency established to advise the Governor and legislature on inequities in laws, practices and conditions affecting women, hosted a two-day conference in Sacramento. The conference, the first of its kind, was held to develop a statewide agenda on womens' issues. The forum reviewed issues that perhaps haven't made headlines but are real — issues that are broad and affect us all. For instance:

Women who choose to be homemakers and the special issues that arise surrounding that choice;

Child care — women need to actively pursue safe and affordable child care;

The only Constitutional right we have is the right to vote. Society still hasn't established whether women should control their own bodies. "Equal pay is not much help if you haven't control over whether you become a mother or not."

The conference was attended by more than 200 women representing as many organizations. Among the attendees was Mattie Evans Gray, an educational consultant representing the National Council of Negro Women, who summed it up by saying, "Women hold the key to the political and economic future of America because we are going to be the majority in the future work force. We're in a good bargaining position."

Ellen Goodman, columnist in the *Sacramento Bee,* gathers a list of those people who have done the most in the past 12 months to slow the progress of women. Below are just a few we thought we would share with you.

▽ The Raging Hormonal Imbalance Award to Mike Tyson for his statement, "I like to hurt women when I make love to them. I like to hear them scream with pain."

▽ The Ms. Guided Madison Avenue Award goes to the folks who put together the Camel cigarettes ad campaign. They offered a set of instructions for Camel men out to pick up women: "Run into the water, grab someone and drag her back to the shore . . . The more she kicks and screams the better."

▽ The Blind Justice Award, which was shared by two jurists. One goes to the New York judge who gave Don Lu Chen five years' probation after he killed his wife with a hammer. The man was Chinese, the wife unfaithful. The judge explains, "He was a product of his culture."

▽ The other goes to a Michigan judge who lightened the sentence of a convicted rapist to three years' probation and $200 compensation. The judge explained that he didn't want to prevent the rapist from achieving his goal — becoming a police officer.

Our sisters in the foothills are forming a feminist Readers' Theatre. If you want to become involved contact the Foothills Alternative Women's Network (FAWN) or (916) 367-3206.

Thought for the Month — *". . . for you can only be free when even the desire of seeking freedom becomes a harness to you, and when you cease to speak of freedom as a goal and a fulfillment."*

KAHLIL GIBRAN

L.R.

GATHERING IN FOOTHILLS BENEFITS 'OLD DYKE'S HOME'

Under a sky crisp and clear and filled with a million stars, a large group of women gathered in Grass Valley in September to attend an outdoor benefit sponsored by The Foothills Alternative Women's Network (F.A.W.N.)

Billed as "A Midsummer Dyke's Dream," the benefit for the Foothill Women's Community Center and the "Old Dyke's Home," proved to be a special networking and entertainment experience for those present.

The food booths, information center and message board

provided an opportunity to meet and share thoughts and information with women from Nevada, Placer, Yuba, El Dorado and Sacramento Counties.

The logistics of the event (i.e., parking, restrooms) were dealt with in an expert manner and F.A.W.N. managed to turn a backyard into an outdoor stage with outstanding sound and lights.

The evening began with a "togetherness" exercise which included giving and receiving hugs, and passing an incense bowl in which participants were to envelope themselves in the essences and renew their energies.

The audience then was treated to a concert performed by Lisa Cohen, the last of the red-hot mamas! Lisa's rich powerful voice filled the air with songs she has authored, showing an appreciative audience her talent and versatility. She was joined on some numbers by Jodi Seidman, who provided keyboard accompaniment. Jodi, whose talents are well known in this area, also performed a solo.

After a brief intermission, the Mothertongue Feminist Readers' Theatre performed "Women and Aging."

The selections were well-coordinated and carried out the theme of the benefit with wit and charm. The thought provoking vignettes were a sad commentary on how we approach, feel and react to aging, but they were performed with a sense of pride and accomplishment. It was clear that aging should be something to look forward to instead of something to regret.

Humor abounded, and the only flaw in the whole evening was the length of this portion of the program — what seemed like more than two hours of the Mothertongue Feminist Readers.

Congratulations to F.A.W.N. for providing another opportunity to come together as women in order to support a worthy cause and each other.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE

This little lesbian went to market,
This little lesbian stayed home,
This little lesbian went to SACWN bridge
And she smiled all the way home.

So if you want to smile, come on over and join our fun games, the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. However, this month we'll be meeting on the third Friday — Nov. 17 — instead of the fourth Friday of November. Call Vivian Rambo, 452-5727.

GOLF

The season ended after last month's awards dinner. Winners will be announced in the December newsletter. Play will start again in April. We are looking for a new group coordinator, so please contact Melody if you are interested, 392-3609, or if you have questions.

(Melody has done a fabulous job coordinating this group. She deserves a round of applause for her commitment and dedication.)

SINGLES ONLY

On Thanksgiving Day from 1 to 5 p.m., the Singles Group will have turkey dinner at Bonne's house. This event was planned so that all of "SACWN's Singles" will have a *special* place to go on Thanksgiving. Since this dinner will take extra planning, please contact Bonne (929-6653) or Linda (921-9052) at least one week before November 23 to let them know you will attend. This is a special group formed to help people make new friends . . . and perhaps meet that special person. For a flyer with a map, please send a SASE to Linda, 805 Sotano Drive, Sacramento, 95833. For further info. concerning the group, call Linda at 921-9052.

A.C.A. OR DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES GROUP

Who would ever fathom the power of the pen? The pen has an uncanny power to pierce the layers of denial and allow the participants to release a lifetime of unnecessary and unconscious secrets. With the guidance of the book, *The 12 Steps, A Way Out,* we are led out of the unconscious and up the spiritual path to experience inner peace, while piecing together life's perplexing puzzles. So, make a decision to turn your Thursday evening over to the power of the pen, to study Step 3 as you understand it. November 1, 15 and 29 are the dates. Call Sharon, 454-6056.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

"Be the first on your block to jump into the snow this winter." How does an outdoor hike with SACWN sound? November 11 — contact Ellen, 441-7962 for more info. We plan to be back by 5 or 6 in the evening.

SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN

In the October meeting, self-employed women talked about money, prosperity, lack thereof, how to avoid becoming a bagperson, and good books and courses on our relationship to money. On November 21 at 7:30 p.m., we'll talk about competition — what it is, how we feel about it, the good, the bad and the ugly of it. (A prize will be awarded to the best contributor.) Call Aeriel, 452-5503 for details.

METAPHYSICAL/SPIRITUAL

Let's get physical — metaphysical, that is. Recent programs have included new/full moon celebrations, explaining chakras and medicine wheel rituals. Future topics are determined and planned by group members. This is an open group with meeting times every other Wednesday — at 7 p.m. sharp. For more details, call Karen, 452-3091.

LESBIAN MOTHERS AND KIDS

Names are being collected to reactivate this group. Call Madlyn, 487-2726, and let her know your ideas for group activities.

THE BOOK GROUP

What's the best thing to curl up with in front of a warm fire on a blustery winter day? Right — well, what's next best? Yes, a good book. And this month we are discussing several. The books of Jane Rule. An early work, *Desert of the Heart,* and a late work, *Memory Board,* will be discussed. However, Lioness has a new work on sale, *After the Fire.* Come and join the Book Group on November 19 at 3 p.m. and celebrate our leading lesbian novelists. You might even find an answer to my first question. For more info., call Gretchen, 922-6287.

SOBER AND SOCIAL

Sober and Social sponsors a variety of alochol and drug-free events open to all SACWN subscribers, both singles and couples. On November 18, this group will meet for a Thanksgiving Dinner and potluck, and on December 21, we will hold a Solstice Party and singalong. Call Linda R., 482-6118 for information and time of these upcoming events.

LATE-BLOOMING LESBIANS

It's movie time! This social, an evening of movies — lesbian-style, will be held on November 11 from 3 to 11 p.m. at DJ and Rondii's house. Be sure to bring drinks and a dish for the potluck dinner. Join us for fun, frolic and flicks. November's support group meetings are set for Wednesday, November 15 and 29 at 7 p.m. Our concern will be the transition from conventional to a gay lifestyle. We will share such experiences as coming out, divorce, finances, ex-husbands and child custody. For more info. and locations, call Debbie P. at 725-3449 or Debbie S. at 988-0719.

RELATIONSHIP ADDICTION

Are you a Woman Who Loves Too Much? Let's get together and have a support group. We meet twice a month. Please call Judie at 973-1141.

CULTURE CLUB

Getting the winter blues already? Let's get together and take in a play, or the ballet, or go to the city for a museum tour. You choose — let's meet and vote and go have some fun, or if you want to find someone to do something special with — let's network. Call Ann for meeting date and location, 383-9257.

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Special Interest Groups

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NEW GROUP!!

DANCE (Country Western? Ballroom? Your pleasure?)

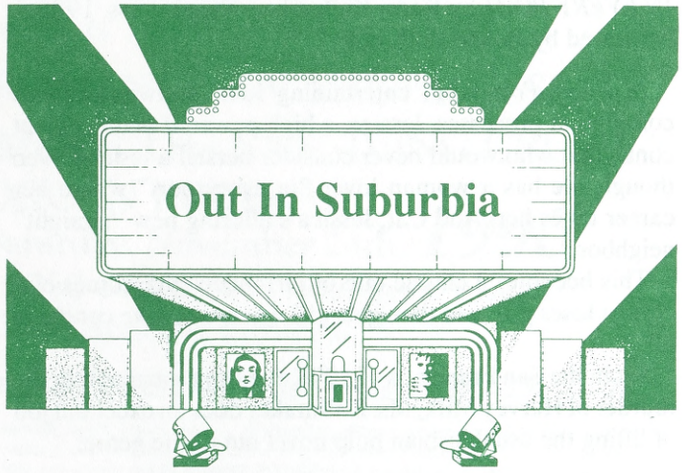
Call Patricia for first organizational meeting, 646-6482.

Starting this month, we are awarding a SIGGY for the most creative and/or amusing newsletter "blurb" in the S.I.G. column. This award will be a special gift, not just public congrats. This month's SIGGY goes to Sharon of A.C.A. Tune in next month to find out what she won.

We decided at our S.I.G. coordinators meeting in September that checking membership cards will not be done at future S.I.G. events. We trust that you will renew your membership and encourage your non-member friends to join so that we can meet in an atmosphere of trust and safety. However, if you're new, don't be surprised if you're asked about membership.

As I begin this year as your Special Interest Group Coordinator, and as a new voting member of the Steering Committee, I invite you to call me and share your concerns about SACWN and particularly about SIGs. In order to deal with the problems which may arise, I need your feedback and ideas. Our hope is to expand this very vital part of SACWN. Thank you for your support. A special welcome to our new associate, Kathy Mullen!

Ellie Zacks



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BOOK REVIEWS

IN EVERY PORT by Karin Kallmaker, Naiad Press, 1989.
Reviewed by Bonne Holbrook

In Every Port is an entertaining look at two women's coming out processes. Jessica, a high powered management consultant who would never consider herself a lesbian even though she has a woman lover "in every port" where her career takes her. And Cat, Jessica's alluring new "straight" neighbor.

This becomes a classic tale of girl meets girl, comes out, almost loses girl, and then gets girl when true love conquers all.

Set in the San Francisco of 1978, the days surrounding the murder of Harvey Milk, Ms. Kallmaker does an excellent job of lifting the usual lesbian pulp novel out of the genre.

THE BEE'S KISS, Shirley Verel, Naiad Press, Inc.; 1989.
Reviewed by Gretchen Jung

The Bee's Kiss is Shirley Verel's second novel. Her first, *The Other Side of Venus,* was originally published in 1960. Hopefully we won't have to wait 30 years for her third.

The Bee's Kiss is a tender, well-crafted love story. It is written as a first person reminiscence. Roz is telling the story of her life with Joanna some thirty plus years in the past. Roz, a widow, shares a house with her five-year-old son, Hugh, plus her friends Cassie and Peter. Cassie's 17-year-old niece, Joanna, gets thrown out of school prior to taking the exams she needs to go on to the University. Naturally she goes to live with her aunt and prepare for her exams. And just as naturally, Roz and Joanna fall in love. (Well, face it, if they didn't we'd have no story.)

This is a quiet little novel, no violence, no mystery, no other Lesbians. The tone reflects life among the upper middle class in an English village during the late '50s. And it is this quiet refined tone that so attracted me. That plus the descriptions. Ms. Verel really has a way with words.

FATAL REUNION, Claire McNab, Naiad Press, 1989
Reviewed by Catherine Cardozo, SACWN Book Group

Detective Inspector Carol Ashton is back at work in "Fatal Reunion," Claire McNab's second murder mystery set in Sydney, Australia. This time, Detective Ashton (Carol) has been requested by her ex-lover, Mrs. Christine Tait, to clear her from suspicion for the gruesome murder of her husband, Mitchell. Carol's current lover, Sybil, is also suspicious — of Christine's motives for calling upon Carol. Sybil is also resentful, and fearful of Carol's quick response to run to her former lover's aid.

As the investigation heats up, so do Carols' memories of her passionate affair with Christine, stretching Carol and Sybil's relatively new relationship to its limits. Carol's investigations into a multitude of likely murder suspects, as well as her expectations of her current relationship with Sybil, are unfocused, blinded as she is by the intensity of her reawakened physical attraction to Christine. Sybil, meanwhile, recalls her own past affairs, and discovers what it takes to make a commitment to another person.

When Carol finally overcomes the pull of Christine, she quickly and decisively brings the case to a dramatic conclusion. The moral to the story: love conquers all — almost. A good read, but not P.D. James.

CALENDAR

NOV. 7 - SACWN Steering Committee Meeting 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

NOV. 10 - Lucie Blue Trembley, Crest Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets - Lioness Books

NOV. 19 - Dianne Davidson, Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex

DEC. 5 - Steering Committee Meeting (Call Linda Killick the day of the meeting for more information.)

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rational, modulated tones, reviled, lied and twisted to his own ends every shred of fact, fiction and old statistics which would bolster his contention that "homosexuals are veritable tropical islands of infectious disease." He seemed to watch the group to assess when to press ahead and when to withdraw from his own statements. Rapt women in the first row squeezed their clasped hands as Magnuson spoke of homosexual men having from 20 to 30 thousand sexual encounters in their lifetimes. When someone in the audience questioned the statement, Magnuson amiably backed off, acknowledging that he too thought it was pretty far-fetched.

He questioned homosexuals' rights to civil rights protections, claiming that homosexuality is a choice not an immutable condition. He claimed to "know thousands of those who once were and are not now homosexual," thereby concluding if homosexuals were made to want to change badly enough — they could do so.

Magnuson neatly began excising homosexuals from other groups such as blacks and other racial minorities and even stated that "expressing compassion for homosexuals is like being codependent to a practicing alcoholic — they must be made to hit bottom so that they will give up their compulsive behavior. Rather homosexuals must be led "to seek change in their behavior — tolerating or legitimizing this behavior is not compassionate," he said.

I can only tell you of the sick feeling, the outrage at this blatant hate campaign.

News reports will tell of the press conference and the symposium — of William Allen's speech entitled, "Blacks, Animals and Homosexuals; What Is A Minority?" I can only tell you of the sick feeling, the outrage at this blatant hate campaign. Obviously Congressman Bob Matsui felt the same, as he later wrote a letter of reprimand to Allen.

These are tax-exempt organizations which are engaging in political activity from San Francisco to Concord and Contra Costa, from Sacramento to Los Angeles. The faithful have received their marching orders and are fighting the Domestic Partners Ordinance in San Francisco; persecuting Project 10's Virginia Urribe in Los Angeles; leading a recall on Fremont school board president Robert Stipicevich; in Irvine excluding homosexuals from that city's human rights ordinance; fighting AIDS funding on state and local levels, in the governor's office and the state education and health departments. They have targeted two school board members in Los Angeles for defeat because of their support for Urribe's Project 10 and are working to defeat a gay candidate in Concord; they throw urine-filled balloons at marchers in a gay pride parade and hold up signs which read, "Thank God For AIDS."

These groups have a political agenda and a focus that is chilling. This is a new, upscale, sophisticated opponent. They know the communication game — they work the buzz words with the best. They have made it clear that they will take California on a grass roots level. Locally, a major newspaper, *The Sacramento Union*, has been purchased by Dan Benvenuti, a devout member of the fundamentalist Capital Christian Center. As Keith Clark outlines it, "nationally they look forward to making this country a Christian nation with abortion forbidden, mandatory school prayer, creationism taught in school science classes, reparative therapy for homosexuals and forced isolation of people with AIDS or HIV infections in what some compare to leper colonies."

We are facing a well-funded, disciplined group who KNOW that God is on their side — the Bible tells them so. Currently, they have an office and three lobbyists working on their behalf in the California legislature. While we have No lobbyists. Years ago, when we did have lobbyists (during the John Briggs era) they were so poorly funded by this affluent community of ours that they were forced to clean houses and do other menial labor in order to survive.

It's clear that something must be done — and soon. First, a summit meeting of gay and lesbian leaders from throughout the state must take place. Every group should be represented. All of us have a part to play. We can learn some lessons from the civil rights movement in the 1960s in which activist groups actually made their diversity work in their favor. We must articulate a common goal. We're going to have to be willing to fund our freedom or resign ourselves to losing it. Unless we find a common focus, finance it, establish networks and begin to strategize — we'll find ourselves perpetually on the defensive and will continue losing ground.

Rev. Jerry Sloan of the Lambda Center has offered his state and national contacts and is willing to take names and numbers of persons interested in joining an effort to make a summit meeting possible. Call Sloan at the Lambda Center at 442-0185, give him your name and tell him what you're willing to do to make such a meeting possible. The talent and expertise in the gay and lesbian community can and must mobilize a successful effort — today.

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